

# Hunting and Trapping Emergency Order

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

**Emergency Order No.** 03-08-05

**Issued at:** Fairbanks, Alaska  
December 6, 2005

**Effective Date:** 11:59 PM  
December 8, 2005

**Expiration Date:** June 30, 2006  
unless superseded by subsequent  
emergency order

## **EXPLANATION:**

This Emergency Order closes a portion of the State of Alaska winter hunting season by registration permit RC867 for Fortymile caribou in Unit 20E. The portion closed is south of an east-west line that passes through milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway (64° 00' 01'' North latitude).

## **REGULATION:**

Therefore, the following regulations in **5 AAC 85.025 (15), HUNTING SEASONS AND BAG LIMITS FOR CARIBOU**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective for hunting caribou:

Units and Bag Limits	Resident	Nonresident
	Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)	Open Season

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Unit 20(E), that portion within the  
Charley River drainage and the Middle  
Fork of the Fortymile River drainage  
upstream from and including the  
Joseph Creek drainage

**Units and Bag Limits****RESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 caribou by registration permit only;  
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under  
combined resident and nonresident bag  
limits in combination with Unit 20(B),  
that portion south and east of the Steese  
Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion  
north of the south bank of the Tanana  
River, Unit 20(E), that portion south of  
an east-west line that passes through  
milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway  
(64° 00' 01'' N. lat.), the remainder of  
Unit 20(E) and the remainder of Unit  
25(C)

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

1 bull by registration permit only

Unit 20(E), that portion south of an  
east-west line that passes through  
milepost 60 of the Taylor Highway  
(64° 00' 01'' N. lat.)

**RESIDENT HUNTERS**

1 caribou by registration permit only;  
up to 1,800 caribou may be taken under  
combined resident and nonresident bag  
limits in combination with Unit 20(B),  
that portion south and east of the Steese  
Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion  
north of the south bank of the Tanana  
River, Unit 20(E), that portion within  
the Charley River drainage and the  
Middle Fork of the Fortymile River  
drainage upstream from and including  
the Joseph Creek drainage, the  
remainder of Unit 20(E), and the  
remainder of Unit 25(C)

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:****Resident  
Open Season  
(Subsistence and  
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Sept. 12  
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

**Nonresident  
Open Season**

Aug. 10–Sept. 12

Aug. 10–Aug. 19  
Dec. 1–Dec. 8

**Units and Bag Limits**

1 bull by registration permit only

Remainder of Unit 20(E)

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1 caribou by registration permit only;  
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combined resident and nonresident bag  
limits in combination with Unit 20(B),  
that portion south and east of the Steese  
Highway, Unit 20(D), that portion  
north of the south bank of the Tanana  
River, Unit 20(E), that portion within  
the Charley River drainage and the  
Middle Fork of the Fortymile River  
drainage upstream from and including  
the Joseph Creek drainage, Unit 20(E),  
that portion south of an east-west line  
that passes through milepost 60 of the  
Taylor Highway (64° 00' 01'' N. lat.),  
and the remainder of Unit 25(C)

**Resident  
Open Season  
(Subsistence and  
General Hunts)**

Aug. 10–Aug. 19  
Dec. 1–Feb. 28

**Nonresident  
Open Season**  
Aug. 10–Aug. 19

**NONRESIDENT HUNTERS:**

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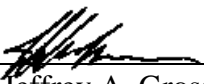
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All other caribou hunting regulations in Unit 20 remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

McKie Campbell  
Commissioner

By delegation to: \_\_\_\_\_

  
Jeffrey A. Gross  
Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

Large numbers of Nelchina Herd caribou are currently present in the southern portion of Unit 20E and therefore are at risk of being harvested under registration permit RC867, which is intended for Fortymile Herd caribou. No harvest of Nelchina caribou is allocated to Unit 20E, and take of Nelchina caribou in other units during state and federal hunting seasons is expected to meet the harvest objective of 2,000 bulls and 1,000 cows.

Minimal reduction in opportunity to harvest Fortymile caribou in Unit 20E is expected from this closure. Less than 5% of the Fortymile herd is in the portion of Unit 20E where the season is being closed.